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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to voice my support for the settlement of the Microsoft Anti Trust case. This case has dragged on for years and it is wonderful that our government is finally making a move to end it.

I run my own company as an Independent Contractor for equipment packaging materials. I use Microsoft's software to run my office and appreciate their superior products that have truly changed the entire technology industry. In an effort to end this mess, Microsoft is giving up a great deal in the settlement. They've pledged to change their problematic business practices and will be sharing more information with their competitors.

Please accept the proposed settlement, it will no doubt restore fair competition to the technology industry and will be great help to our struggling economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vernon Friedel", with a stylized, cursive script.

Vernon Friedel